

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 21, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2006, have been received and carefully considered. In this response, claim 58 has been amended, and claims 1-48, 61-76, 89, 91, and 93 have been cancelled without prejudice. Entry of the amendment to claim 58, and the cancellation of claims 1-48, 61-76, 89, 91, and 93 without prejudice is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the outstanding objections/rejections in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS 49-54, 57-60, 77, 78, 80-84, 86-88, 90, AND 92

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication on pages 17-18 of the Office Action that claims 49-54, 57-60, 77, 78, 80-84, 86-88, 90, and 92 are allowed. All non-allowed claims (i.e., claims 1-48, 55, 56, 61-76, 79, 85, 89, 91, and 93) have been cancelled without prejudice. Please note that claim 58 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an

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early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

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